

October 31, 2005

Prospective Bidders

Request for Proposals (RFP) for 22' Low-Floor Battery-Electric Buses (RFP 05-02)

The Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District (MTD) is soliciting proposals for the fabrication and delivery of thirteen (13) new 22-foot low-floor battery-electric buses and battery chargers. Ten (10) of these buses shall present an external appearance that reflects contemporary transit styling and three (3) of the buses shall present an external appearance that is fundamentally similar to the existing MTD 22-foot shuttle buses. The propulsion systems for all thirteen buses shall be identical. The new buses will be used to provide transportation services within the MTD service area. MTD intends to operate the buses for a period of at least twelve (12) years and has determined that certain features of design and construction bear significantly upon operational availability, the safety of passengers and staff, community support for MTD activities and operations, and life-cycle costs.

Any questions regarding this solicitation should be directed to Jerry Estrada, Assistant General Manager/Controller, Santa Barbara Metropolitan Transit District. Phone: (805)963-3364 ext. 232 or Fax: (805)962-4794.

The deadline for submission of responses is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 16, 2005.